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Introduction

Taekwondo is a sport for self-defense that originated in Korea. It is a combination of various independent techniques or fundamentals, which can be applied in an almost infinite number of variations. Taekwondo differs from most other martial arts in that many of its blows are made with the feet instead of the hands. This sport is known for its flying kicks; it is fun and exciting to either watch or participate in this style of martial arts.

Taekwondo was accepted as an official sport by the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) in 1975, and adopted as an official sports event by the International Council of Military Sports (CISM) the following year. With the continued help and support from many different individuals in various Taekwondo associations over the years, Taekwondo was designated as an official event in the World Games in 1981 and the Pan-American Games in 1986. It was finally selected as an official Olympic event for the first time during the 2000 Olympiad held in Sydney, Australia. Taekwondo will also be one of the official events in the 2004 Olympic games held in Athens, Greece.

Personal Goals - 310

With the many different styles of Taekwondo that are practiced, and the many different accrediting organizations, Taekwondo offers something for everyone. Some organizations focus on those who have dreams of obtaining a berth on an Olympic team, others hold open tournaments where every affiliation is welcome, still others give their members a chance to win a State or World Champion title within that association by accumulating points earned in tournament competition. But regardless of the competitor's association affiliation, common tenets of respect, honor, loyalty, courtesy, discipline, and perseverance are found at the basis of this sport.

Competition

Nowhere is this more evident than during the tournament process where the graciousness of a good loser, as well as that of a good winner, is displayed over and over again. Depending on the type of competition, a competitor can accumulate points based on his/her kicks and stances, hand techniques, accuracy of strikes, and overall presentation. In a sparring competition, competitors strike opponents above the waist, with points scored for clean hits. Each association will set up their tournaments and scoring in accordance with their own tournament rules. For specific information, a competitor should always contact and rely on their own affiliated association.

Competition Logbook

The purpose of this competition logbook is to help an individual competitor record and track their successes and achievements as they participate in their affiliated association's different tournaments throughout the season, as well as to create a permanent reference and keepsake. Different points are usually awarded to competitors placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their group; normally based on the class/size of tournament and the number of competitors within their ring. The charts included in this logbook can be filled in with the appropriate association's way of awarding points, and can provide a handy reference if the competitor so chooses. Usually, the points awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are consistent for both color belts and black belts; and for all the different competition areas of forms, weapons, and sparring. Each individual's own association can change their structure at any time, and will be the ultimate authority on any points that they may award.

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Association World Champion Title

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Helpful Hints

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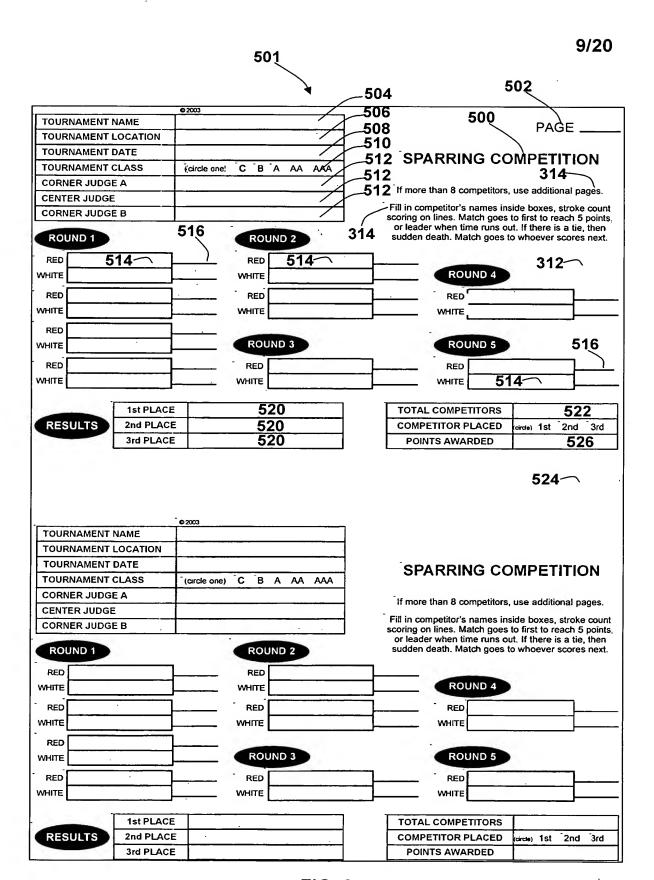
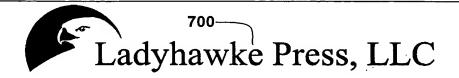


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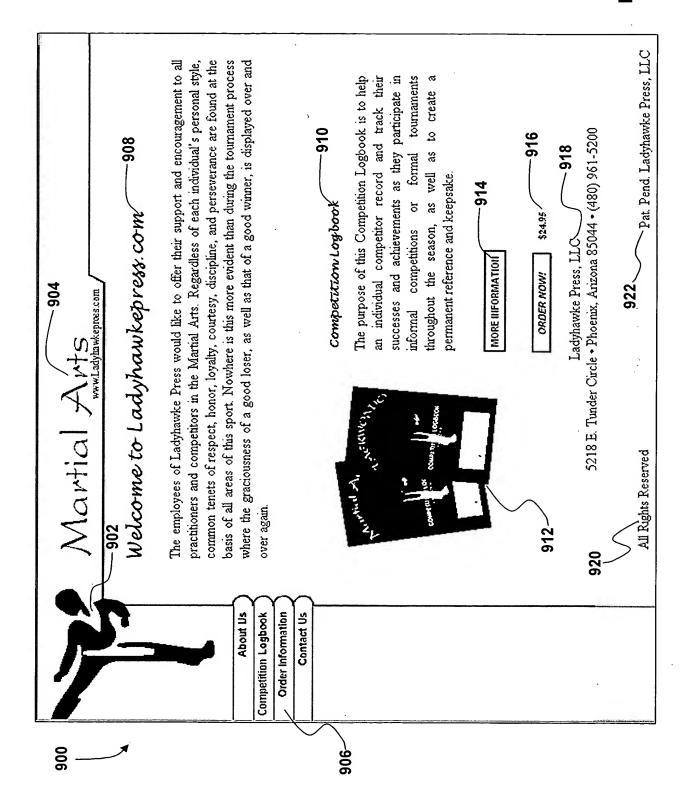


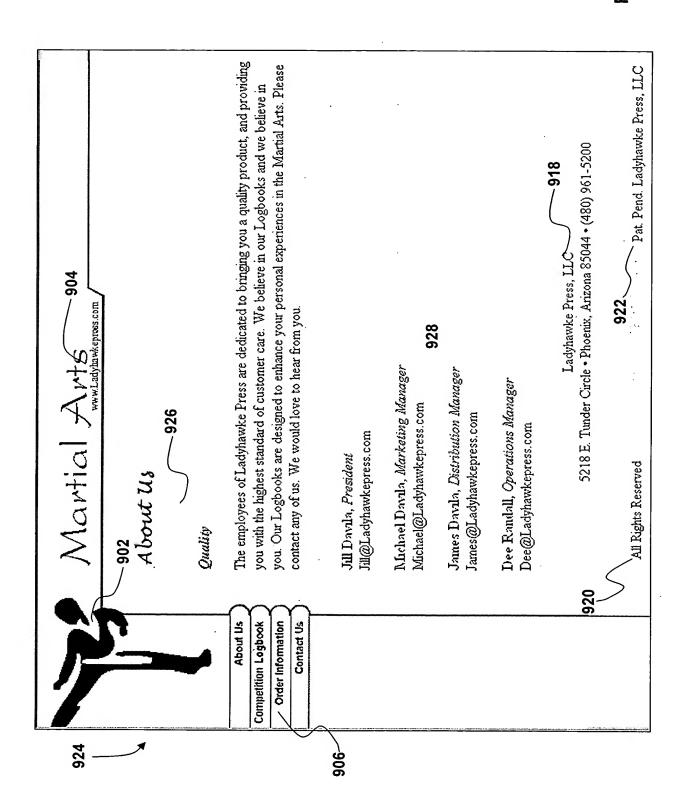
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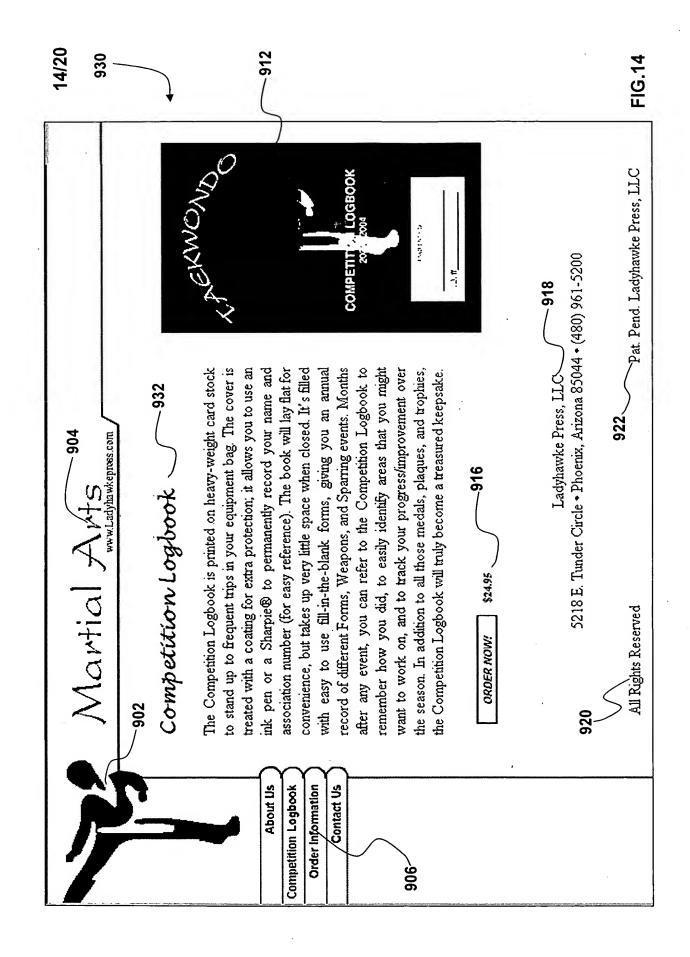
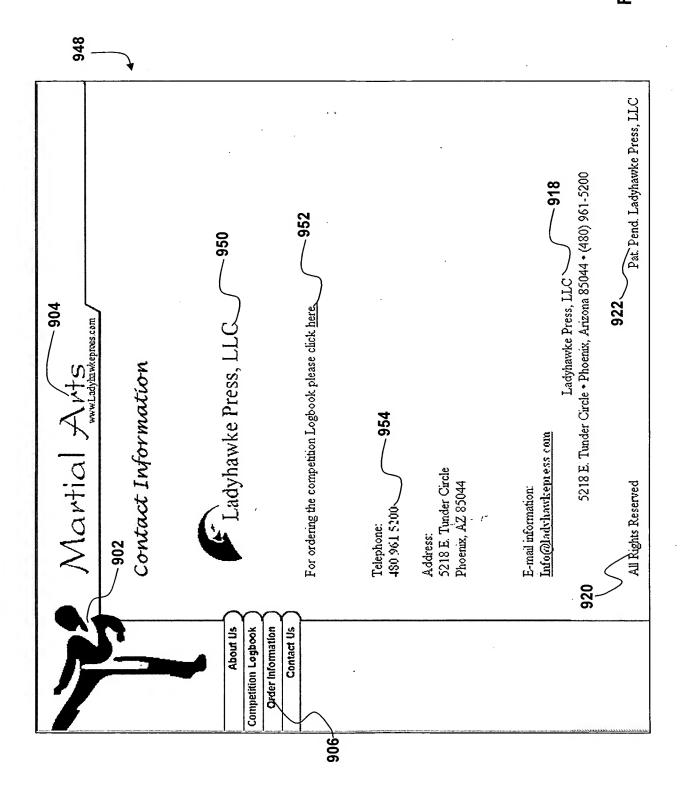


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